

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 82

Introduced by Assembly Member Hall
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 82—Relative to public education and discrimination-free zones.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 82, as introduced, Hall. Public education: “Discrimination Free Zones.”

This measure would encourage public education institutions to designate each campus as a “Discrimination-Free Zone” to provide a safe haven from intolerance or discrimination, to enact appropriate procedures that meaningfully address acts of discrimination that occur on campus, to notify parents and the campus community of existing policies and procedures that encourage tolerance of others, and to use existing resources to identify themselves as “Discrimination-Free Zones” to create a campus climate that welcomes diversity and supports the tolerance of others.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California has the largest public school system in
- 2 the nation, prekindergarten through university, which is key in
- 3 addressing California’s infrastructure and economic needs, and
- 4 represents a state that honors and respects the diversity of its
- 5 citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, California's public educators encourage
2 inclusiveness among the students they educate, and serve the needs
3 of a diverse student body that reflects the diversity of the state;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, That diversity reflects the racial, cultural, religious,
6 disability, gender, gender identity, economic circumstance, and
7 sexual orientation of its citizens seeking access to California's
8 public education; and

9 WHEREAS, The Legislature condemns all acts of
10 discrimination, intolerance, and hate aimed at individuals that
11 reflect the state's diversity; and

12 WHEREAS, Although the state has enacted numerous laws to
13 oppose acts of discrimination, intolerance continues to pervade
14 many of our public schools and colleges; and

15 WHEREAS, The Legislature is committed to upholding
16 fundamental and inalienable rights, including the freedoms of
17 religion, speech, assembly, and privacy; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
19 *thereof, concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California
20 hereby encourages all public education institutions, working with
21 students, teachers, faculty, and other members of the public
22 education community, to designate each campus as a
23 "Discrimination-Free Zone" to provide a safe haven from
24 intolerance or discrimination; and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That all public education institutions, prekindergarten
26 through university campuses, are encouraged to develop and enact
27 policies that support tolerance and acceptance of others regardless
28 of their race, culture, religion, disability, gender, gender identity,
29 economic circumstance, or sexual orientation; and be it further

30 *Resolved,* That all public education institutions are encouraged
31 to enact procedures, such as counseling services and conflict
32 management, that meaningfully address acts of discrimination that
33 occur on campus; and be it further

34 *Resolved,* That parents and the campus community should be
35 notified of existing policies and procedures that encourage
36 tolerance of others; and be it further

37 *Resolved,* That all public education institutions are encouraged
38 to use existing resources to identify themselves as
39 "Discrimination-Free Zones" through placards, signs, notices of
40 available services, and other appropriate identifications to create

- 1 a campus climate that welcomes diversity and supports the
- 2 tolerance of others; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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